

REMARKS

This amendment is filed in response to the Final Action of February 24, 2009, 2008 in which claims 1-20 were rejected.

Reference publications

Nishizawa US20020004734 (further D1)

Dean US6167379 (further D2)

Formalities

Claim 14 has been amended to use the definite article in the preamble.

Applicant re-submits herewith a new PTO-1449 with JP 2002-197241 listed along with the full Japanese text for which at least an English abstract was previously submitted. We do not presently have the full text of KR 2002-002076 but believe the machine translation submitted previously shows all the Figures. Consideration of the JP 2002-197241 reference is requested.

Argumentation

Applicant has amended the main claims by amending the following subject matter:

- for receiving instructions for processing certain one or more presented overlapping events wherein said instructions comprise at least one of the following: deleting an overlapping event, removing an overlapping event, silencing an overlapping event

into the form:

- for receiving instructions for silencing alarms of the overlapping events by one command and for silencing alarms of the overlapping events.

As can be seen, Applicant has amended the main claims to remove the Markush grouping. Moreover, Applicant has claimed a different feature: *“for silencing alarms of the overlapping events by one command.”* Page 2, paragraph 2 of the current patent application gives support for that amendment: *“processing alternatives may include for example silencing or removing overlapping events.”* The text-part of the current application introduces advantages gained by this feature: *“Some overlapping events, such as birthdays, may be left untouched in calendar during holidays. If a determined high priority event is a meeting, an overlapping birthday event may be silenced. This way a birthday event will not disturb the meeting by a voice alarm, but it is still in a calendar for reminding a user.”* This amendment also is supported by page 5, last paragraph of the current patent application which introduces selection of one command: *“By this selection user can delete all possible overlapping events by one command and there is no need for checking all events separately”*.

Applicant has also amended the main claims by removing following features:

- and for processing overlapping events according to received instructions, said calendar application and control unit for selecting certain overlapping events and for allocating usage of a memory block according to the selection of the certain overlapping events, wherein the control unit is configured to remove the overlapping event to a predetermined memory area allocated from the memory block and to save the overlapping event in the memory block for a predetermined period.

These features were lacking in the originally filed US-application and due at least to that fact it is permissible to leave out these features.

One of the differences between D1 and the presently claimed invention is that the presently claimed invention presents a solution wherein two events can overlap even though their priorities differ. This gives the possibility to maintain events in a calendar despite their differing priority. The presently claimed invention is also user

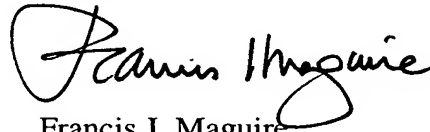
friendly due to the fact that the alarms of the overlapping events can be silenced by one command. D1 fails to teach or even provide any hint for these features.

Applicant has amended the format of claims 15 and 16 while still maintaining uniformity with the other main claims.

Applicant has also introduced new claim 21. This amendment is also supported by the originally filed US-application.

The objections and rejections of the Office Action of February 24, 2009, having been obviated by amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested and passage of claims 1-21 to issue, as amended, is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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